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## **Lawrenceburg Receives \$1.4M for Supportive Housing Project**

INDIANAPOLIS- Lt. Governor Becky Skillman recently announced the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has received \$5.6 million for supportive housing projects for the homeless throughout Indiana. The allocation comes from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 2009 Continuum of Care funds.

Of the \$5.6 Million allocation, locally, the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) in Lawrenceburg received \$1,430,320 for both the expansion and operation of their Shelter Plus Care supportive housing program.

"Our local community partners will be able to utilize these funds as they provide assistance for our most vulnerable neighbors," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, who chairs the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. "This award is another collaborative step towards our long term goal to end homelessness in the state of Indiana."

The funds awarded to CMHC will go directly toward the rehabilitation and operation of 40 units which specialize in assisting homeless persons with serious and persistent mental illness. The addition of these units in Batesville and Lawrenceburg will allow CMHC to reach residents throughout their service area of Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties.

CMHC is excited about the additional opportunities that will allow them to expand facilities and services for the members of their community who are in greatest need.

In all, IHCDA was allocated funds for the capital investment and operating needs of six Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) developments located throughout Indiana. The projects will link housing with services so over 200 people will have a place to call home.

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*The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, creates housing opportunity, generates and preserves assets, and revitalizes*

*neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana. IHCDa believes that growing Indiana's economy starts at home. For more information, go to [www.ihcda.in.gov](http://www.ihcda.in.gov). For updates from Lt. Governor Skillman and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at [www.lg.in.gov](http://www.lg.in.gov).*